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SB 288

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February 16, 2011

To: Members of the Senate Taxation Committee

From: Carbon County Commissioners

Subject: Support of Senate Bill 288

Chairman Senator Tutvedt, Members of The Senate Taxation Committee,

The Carbon County Commissioners wish to go on record in support of SB 288 sponsored by Senator Kim Gillan. We also want to thank Senator Gillan for sponsoring SB 288.

SB 288 was is part brought forward by Carbon County from a concern with the appeal process for our constituents that reside within the newly created Red Lodge-Roberts Ambulance District, which was duly created under MCA 7-11-1003 and a favorable mail ballot election held July 13, 2010.

The concern we have is that the only recourse left for many of our constituents to appeal their taxes after the creation of the Special District was to go to District Court to appeal a \$69 assessment fee.

I will not go into detail here, but ask that you consider the remarks offered by Senator Gillan to reflect those concerns of Carbon County.

We respectfully ask the Senate Taxation Committee to vote for SB 288.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

John E. Prinkki Carbon County Commissioner